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Title : **PROCESSING APPARATUS HAVING A
SUPPORT MEMBER MADE OF METAL MATRIX
COMPOSITE BETWEEN A PROCESS
CHAMBER AND A PLACEMENT STAGE**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination. Entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 16, 2005 is respectfully requested. The three month response due date is December 16, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.